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RM-10620 FILE

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I support automatic upgrade of novice amateur license holders with as few as 5 years in class, even if their license has lapsed. I support their use of both 2 and .7 meter bands for normal usage, as well as any band or mode during FCC declared communication emergencies.

We have lost a few Minnesota Army Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) operators due to their inability to upgrade beyond novice class. These were otherwise competent, reliable operators who were not technically inclined, or found the CW requirement difficult. Were they upgraded automatically, they would still be active. One individual who had to be eliminated from the MARS program because of his inability to upgrade was in remote upstate Minnesota where limited radio resources are located.

It seems that retaining and encouraging novice amateurs (through increased privileges) is an inexpensive method of increasing the number involved in emergency communications.

I do not support automatic upgrade of Advance class license holders. Doing so will not enhance support of emergency communications, nor enhance technical experimentation.

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I firmly support the proposal to automatically upgrade AmateurAdvanced and Novice class license holders to the next license class if the license holder has more than a prescribed number of years operating experience.

The operating time comprises a body of experience which furnishes significantly more technical and rule knowledge than required by the equivalent

tests. In addition, the operating time ensures a high degree of operating

proficiency, which is not testable by the usual examinations. At present,

public service work can be considerably hampered by the inability of services

to use many highly experienced operators, e.g. Advanced class holders,

on certain frequencies, because their license limits their range of operation.

Thank you,

Ed Tynan W7HRD,

licensed since 1953 (WN2ILC), (Advanced Class license most of that time,

and hampered in assistance with the Good Friday earthquake in Alaska in 1963, due to my license class restricting me from operating on certain frequencies. Our club station at Seattle University was the only contact

between Anchorage and CONUS during the first 24 hours after the quake).

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From a personal point of view I am in favor of this petition.

I am an Advanced Class amateur and for physical reasons I cannot progress to the Extra Class grade through the regular examination route due to deficient eyesight. I can no longer drive a vehicle and find it extremely difficult to travel. I would like to operate in the amateur bands now restricted to Extra Class license holders. As a member of the Hurrican Warning net I would like to have access to all Amateur band frequencies.

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GRACE MAULST HUP

I really feel that you should not abolish the Advance class but upgrade it to the next class of license. We are losing to many Radio Amateurs to other activities. In the future we will not have the number of Amateur Radio operators that can serve in case of emergencies.

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I agree with part of RM-10620, that present ADVANCED class amateur licensees that have held that class for (1.) 20 years or more OR (2.) presently hold or have held a First Class Radiotelephone Operator (Commercial) License be automatically designated as EXTRA class without further examination. These individuals have demonstrated competence. Additionally, this is consistent with the grandfathering of long-time operators to EXTRA class at the time that class was created.

I disagree with RM-10620 in regard to automatic additional privileges for NOVICE class license holders simply on the basis that they have held a NOVICE class license for some number of years. Such persons have demonstrated nothing to show increased competence.

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Comments regarding RM-10620

While this proposal represents a natural extension of the restructuring efforts of April 15, 2000, it seems to me to be overly complicated and burdensome.

I recommend that this proposal be modified to simply automatically upgrade ALL Novices to Technician with HF privileges to upgrade ALL Advanced class licensees to Extra class at the next license renewal. My suggestion is based on the following:

- 1) When compared to those who earned their Technician and Extra class licenses after April 15, 2000, there is no doubt in my mind that Novice and Advanced class licensees put forth greater effort to obtain their license. Further, these licensees would have at least 10 years experience, which is a much better teacher than studying a license manual. My recommendation would simply grant a full license, without involving special endorsements or conditions.
- 2) The upgrade process would be handled by the FCC as part of the routine license renewal process. No significant burden would be placed on the FCC, and no additional burden would be placed on the Volunteer Examiner community. No expense would be incurred by the licensee.
- 3) All licenses would be consolidated to 3 classes after a 10 year period.

As an alternative, I would support allowing Advanced class licensees to retain their license on the premise that Advanced under old rules was more difficult to earn than Extra under current rules.

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I see in the fillings by George Boswell - k7YHB that he has filled 9 dups of the same message on the ECFS system in opposition, The commission should only consider 1 as the count, unless of update. thanks,

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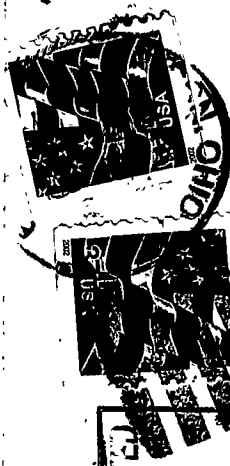
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